

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 793
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2013; March 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; March 28, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 March 28, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-9	Nelson	X		PNV
1-10	Deuell	X		
1-11	Huffman	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Schwertner	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		
1-15	Uresti	X		
1-16	West	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 793 By: Deuell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to newborn hearing screening.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 47.003, Health and
1-24 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
1-25 (a) A birthing facility, through a program certified by the
1-26 department under Section 47.004, shall perform, either directly or
1-27 through a referral to another program certified under that section
1-28 ~~[transfer agreement]~~, a hearing screening for the identification of
1-29 hearing loss on each newborn or infant born at the facility before
1-30 the newborn or infant is discharged from the facility unless:
1-31 (1) the parent declines the screening;
1-32 (2) the newborn or infant is transferred to another
1-33 facility before the screening is performed; ~~[or]~~
1-34 (3) the screening has previously been completed; or
1-35 (4) the newborn was discharged from the birthing
1-36 facility not more than 10 hours after birth and a referral for the
1-37 newborn was made to a program certified under Section 47.004 at
1-38 another birthing facility or operated by a physician or other
1-39 health care provider.
1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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